



## PATZ & HALL

### 2004 DURELL VINEYARD SONOMA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

**Vineyard character:** We are delighted to be working with fruit from this extraordinary site in the southwestern part of the Sonoma Valley. The 2004 Durell Vineyard is made from a Hyde-Wente selection Chardonnay and selected Dijon clones and is fermented with indigenous yeast. The result is a rich and powerfully built wine.

**Tasting Notes:** The 2004 Durell Chardonnay has aromas of spiced apricot and butter cookie. The mouth is broad and round with flavors of cantaloupe, toasted brioche and a hint of beeswax. The wine has a long creamy finish with lingering tastes of applesauce and vanilla.

**Winemaking:**

100% Chardonnay fruit  
Whole cluster pressed  
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)  
Sur lie aged with weekly stirring  
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel  
50% new Burgundian French oak barrels  
Bottled without filtration

**Bottling Date: July 2005**

**Release Date: September 2005**

#### THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

*Bill Price, Owner*

*Steve and Ned Hill, Viticulturists – Durell Vineyard, Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County*

Viticulturist Steve Hill developed the Durell Vineyard with Ed Durell in 1982. Since then, the original site has been purchased and expanded by Bill Price. A fabulous section of Wente clone Chardonnay, planted exclusively for Patz & Hall by Steve Hill and his son Ned, along the banks of an ancient streambed, forms the foundation of our Durell Vineyard Chardonnay.

Extremely low yields and very concentrated, thickly textured wines are the hallmarks of this rocky site. A second site of Dijon clone was added in 2004 from the “Sand Hill” block, just north and slightly higher than the original block. “Sand Hill” is a rolling section of uplifted sandy, ancient ocean floor offering superb drainage and austere, low vigor soils. More aromatic and elegant than the original section, the blend of the two sites is the best of both worlds—textured, rich and unctuous but still lithe, fresh and elegant. Together, these clones give rise to an incredible wine that truly illuminates the distinctive terroir of Durell Vineyard.

**James Hall**  
Winemaker